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TOPIC Soviet Tank Unit in GRANSEE

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25X1 1. The following observations were made in GRANSEE (N 54/U 60) on 2 December 1949:

a. Friedrich Franz (or Kaiser Friedrich) Kaserne NE of GRANSEE:

Occupied to **capacity** by tank units allegedly numbering 2,000 troops. No heavy weapons were seen in the kaserne area. Local residents stated that a tank school, whose personnel was exchanged from time to time, was in the kaserne. New personnel allegedly arrived in early November 1949.

b. A unit headquarters was allegedly located in a house on Kirchhofstrasse. Numerous tank officers, mostly second and first lieutenants, were seen there. The sentry wore artillery insignia.

c. A convoy of about 30 trucks, occupied by tank troops, was seen on the eastern perimeter of GRANSEE. The convoy had come from the direction of the kaserne and proceeded towards ORANIENBURG (N 53/Z 67). Mostly officers were observed to sit beside the drivers.

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2. Numerous ruts of tank tracks, some of which were recently made, were observed in the BUBEROW (N 53/Z 69)-KRAATZ (N 53/U 60) area on 3 December 1949. Local residents said that the troops from the GRANSEE military post were practicing regularly in the area.

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25X1 in March 1949. troops in the

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25X1 [redacted] it is considered cre-
dible that an army/school may be in the GRANSEE kaserne.
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